



Dec. 2018 Calendar

Mon., Dec. 3, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Wed., Dec. 5, 10:00-Noon

Mentor Training, Extension Auditorium

Sat., Dec. 15

Reimbursement receipts due to Toni Rudolph

Sat., Dec. 15

January Newsletter articles due to Bonnie

Mon., Dec. 17, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Dec. 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Tues., Jan. 1

Deadline for Dues & Paperwork

Tues., Jan. 8, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class begins Potluck at 12:00 PM

Thurs., Jan. 15

Deadline to turn in 2018 hours

Sat., Feb. 23

Spring Into Gardening, UCC

Sat., March 9, 9:00-3:00

Trash to Treasure Sale

The President's Post

Nancy Fuller

It has been a great year for our organization! In January, we welcomed 32 new trainees, all excited to learn and eager to volunteer their time.

In February, we hosted the Spring Into Gardening seminar. There were many wonderful speakers and so much to learn from them. We began training sessions in the Discovery Garden for our newest volunteers.

March brought one of our major fund raisers of the year. The Trash to Treasure Sale, under the guidance of Ann Severson, earned \$3600 for our chapter. Congratulations to Ann and her team of many MG volunteers! We also hosted the graduation celebration for 30 new trainees.

April found us working to get our plants ready for the annual sale in May. The plants were being fed, watered, and pampered in order to be at their peak. The Discovery Garden was welcoming new plants, blossoms, and trainees.

In May, we held our largest fundraiser of the year. Chair Barbara Robinson and her many, many volunteers did an outstanding job of presenting beautiful, healthy plants for sale to the public. The sale earned \$35,262.19 for our chapter. Congratulations to all!

June was a busy month for our chapter. On June 1 & 2, we hosted the OMGA state meetings. Our Discovery Garden was absolutely beautiful that Friday afternoon and received many compliments from the attendees. Steve presented a wine tasting session that all thought was a great experience. The Board of Directors meeting the following morning was held at the Sutherlin Community Center. Our chapter members stepped up to provide great-tasting food and hospitality to our visitors.

We also said "good-bye" to John Punches. After 24 years serving Douglas County, he was moving on to Wallowa County. BUT --- he will be back in January to teach the botany classes to our 2019 trainees.

Our gardens were all looking well. The Victory Garden was already donating produce to UCAN and went on to donate more than 6,000 pounds of produce during 2018. Congratulations to the entire VG crew!



In July, many of us attended the Growing Gardeners conference held at Linfield College. Though the temperatures were VERY warm, we had fun learning new information, catching up with old friends, and making new ones.

The summer months were very dry and hot. Our gardens suffered to some degree, but did survive. The highlights were the chapter meetings held at the homes of our MG volunteers, Sharon and Dave Hopkins (June), Kay Livermore (July), and Barbara Horst (August). They graciously opened their homes and gardens for us all to enjoy.

Our outreach activities included the farmer's markets in Roseburg and Canyonville, numerous programs presented by Jude Stensland and her team, and the booth at the Douglas County Fair. Thank you to all of you for making these activities fun and educational!

September saw us holding our last outdoor meeting of the year at the Discovery Garden Pavilion. It was a beautiful morning for us to enjoy good food and friendship. We noted the completion of Punches Palace (formerly the yellow shed). The renovation work done on the building by Dave Clark and his crew is much appreciated. The new sign was designed and made by Fred Alley and then painted by Steve & Kathy Hart. Thank you!

Our annual Awards banquet was held in October. The Hawaiian-themed event was enjoyed by all. Betty Ison and Judy Huntley did a great job of coordinating the event. We honored Vicki McAlister as our Master Gardener of the Year and Carol Bolt as our Behind the Scenes Master Gardener of the Year. Nita Nettleton was named the 2018 Outstanding New Apprentice. Betty Ison received recognition for her 30 years of volunteer service to Douglas County. Steve chose four MG's for his Agent's Award this year: Richard Johnstone, Sharon & Dave Hopkins, and Denise Fennell. Congratulations to these MG's!

Our annual pre-Thanksgiving bake sale was held in November. Co-chairs Janet Parkerson and Sharon Bordeaux did a great job of coordinating this event. There were so many great looking items for sale! The sale brought in \$1,799.24 to our chapter and 309

pounds of food donations for UCAN. Thank you to all the bakers, sellers, and donors who made this event a success!

Most of our garden work was completed by November. I'd like to thank all the volunteers for their thousands of hours they gave to our chapter this past year. From the smallest of jobs to the largest, we have outstanding folks who give their best to our chapter and gardens.

As the year comes to a close, I'd like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season, filled with family and friends, good food, and many seed catalogs!

Vice-President's Report

Vicki Barrett



Happy Holidays! We had an enthusiastic reception at our Continuing Education class and chapter meeting. Scott McKain gave an informative presentation on the advantages and methods of encouraging the growth of mycorrhizae in our garden soil.

We won't be having a chapter meeting or a Continuing Education class in December. I am sure you all will appreciate the free time to enjoy the winter holidays with your friends and family.

In January, we will have a presentation by one of our own Master Gardeners, Bruce Gravens. If you come out to the Discovery Garden on any Tuesday morning and you will find him keeping us all busy in the Eastside Greenhouse or working in the Orchard.

Bruce says that after herbs and garlic, tomatoes and peppers are the highest value plants you can grow in your garden. Tomato and pepper seeds need soil temperature to be 70-90 degrees F to germinate well. His experience has taught him that tomato seeds germinate best at 80 F and pepper seeds germinate best around 85 F. We know how cold it can be in February which is the ideal time of the year here in Oregon to start your tomato and pepper seeds in order to have them ready to transplant outside in the Spring.

He is going to show us the Germination Box he builds which allows him to automatically and precisely control the soil temperature without consuming a lot of energy in the process.

In his presentation, he is going to show us how to build his germination box and how to operate it so that we, too, can grow a wide variety of tomatoes and peppers from seeds.

OMGA Report

Rosemary Brinkley

The meeting was held November 2-3 at the Oregon Food Bank in Portland. They process a million pounds of food each week with the help of volunteers (36,000 a year) 6 days a week. Food is sent out to the other 21 Food Banks in Oregon of which UCAN is one. It is a very impressive program and distribution center.

Election of OMGA Officers:

President : Eric Bosler, Central Gorge

President Elect: Chris Rusch, Douglas County

2nd V.P.: Julie Huynh, Lane County

Secretary: Marcille Ansorge, Yamhill County

Treasure: Patrice Sipos, Douglas County

Still needed: a 1st Vice President.

Update on Mini-College for 2019

Date: Oct. 18-19, 2019. (Moving to a fall date to avoid conflicts with county fairs and to allow gardeners to work in their own gardens during the peak growing season.)

Location: River House in Bend, Oregon

Program: Tentatively, Friday will be tours and workshops and Saturday will be guest speakers.

Name will go back to Mini-College rather than Growing Gardeners, aka G2.

OMGA Website Improvements

You can now go to OMGA.org and use pull downs under counties to go directly to that counties website. OMGA would like countries to establish a direct link to OMGA from the counties website.

Report from Gail Langelotto State Program Coordinator

Finalization of the Brest Management Practices for Master Gardeners Plant Sales to Avoid Spread of Pests. Recommendations:

- Apply and receive a temporary nursery license prior to sale
- Only sell plants that are free from pests
- Start clean pots, containers, trays and sterilized or commercial media
- Only propagate from clean material – commercially grown plant starts, seeds, purchased bulbs, cuttings from healthy plants grown in sterilized mix. Do not accept or sell plants donated from home gardens or similar sources.
- Visually inspect plant sale stock and remove diseased or infested plants before selling.
- Only sell plants that are properly Identified and tagged
- Do not accept donated plants
- Cross check all plants against state and local weed lists.
- Label all plants for sale

Counties that have successfully transitioned to more sustainable plant propagation methods include Douglas County and Yamhill.

Code of Conduct

The Master Gardener Code of Conduct form has been updated to include a provision prohibiting workplace violence.

Garden Ecology Update

The second year of Gail's two pollinator studies (one focused on native plant pollinator associations, and the second focused on documenting the pollinators that can be found in Portland area gardens) is completed. You can get an overview of the native plant work at (https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=724&v=J7MKZZlipvg)

And find the gardener pollinator work at (https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continues=3592&v=UHjQZA67isQ)

Each is eligible for one hour of Master Gardening continuing education.

Gail also recommends the Oregon Bee Atlas as a place to learn to identify bees and bee friendly flowers. The website is <https://www.oregonbeeproject.org/bee-atlas>.

Victory Garden Honors American Veterans



Diana Circle
(published in the News-Review)

Every Tuesday from March to November, Douglas County Master Gardeners gather at the Victory Garden located at the OSU Extension Discovery Garden next to River Forks Park, to plant, tend and harvest vegetables that are distributed throughout the county.

We call our garden the “Victory Garden” to honor those Americans on the home front of WWI and especially WWII who planted gardens wherever they could. They were aided by government agencies, schools, businesses and many others to help reduce the pressure of feeding the troops overseas by providing food for the civilians at home. Our Victory Garden was created in the spring of 2009. The garden members transport top quality tomatoes, peppers, beans, cucumbers, onions, garlic, squash, etc. to UCAN (United Community Action Network) food bank where it is weighed and distributed to soup kitchens and food pantries throughout Douglas County. Since the beginning, this garden has contributed 38,376 lbs. of food for our community neighbors. 2018’s garden produced 6,263 lbs. of vegetables; a record for our garden.

We attribute the garden’s success to practicing sustainable gardening techniques which are taught through the Master Gardener program at the OSU Extension. By using and teaching best demonstrated practices, we can help others grow bountiful gardens and we can all help feed the hungry in our local communities. Signs are posted in the garden giving tips on topics such as composting, water conservation, and crop rotation. There is even a demonstration garden where people are encouraged to sample the vegetables. We invite you to visit the Victory Garden to learn more.

Thank a veteran.

Membership Kay Livermore

Hello Master Gardeners!

It is time to begin our annual membership drive.

OSU requires Master Gardeners to complete certain forms each year. Therefore, the procedure for collecting these forms and 2019 Membership dues are being combined.

Around the first week of December you will receive a packet in the mail containing:

OSU CONDITIONS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE
OSU VOLUNTEER ASSUMPTION OF RISK
OSU PHOTO OPT OUT RELEASE*
OSU CODE OF CONDUCT
DCMG 2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM
and a return envelope

When your packet arrives, please take a moment to fill out and sign the forms. Put them in the return envelope provided along with your 2019 DCMG Membership Dues form and payment. Make checks payable to DCMG. Return by mail or drop off to the OSU Extension Office in Roseburg. Please wait until your packet arrives to pay your dues. 2019 dues will not be accepted without the OSU volunteer forms.

***Note: The Photo Opt Out Release only needs to be returned if you do NOT want the University to record your participation and appearance on any recorded medium. This includes photos taken by DCMG photographers to be used in the DCMG Newsletter and are not published anywhere else without your knowledge. If you sign the release, it is your responsibility to remove yourself when you see DCMG photographers taking photos.**

Note: Some of the OSU forms are printed double sided so check both sides of the paper.

Note: The address you provide on your 2019 Membership Dues form needs to be your mailing address.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2019. The volunteer hours you donate are greatly appreciated!

kay.livmr@gmail.com

Bake Sale

Janet Parkerson & Sharon Bordeaux



The 2018 Bake Sale was a huge success. Our preliminary total came in at \$1959.00. Another record breaker!

The day started out a little drizzly, but not too cold. It got a little colder in the afternoon, but everybody stuck it out. But, all in all the weather was much warmer than we have had in the past. It was even more tolerable with the hand

warmers that Anne Bacon brought for all the workers. Great idea! Thanks, Anne!

The food we received was nothing short of unbelievable. Everything was so beautiful, the breads, cakes, cookies and assorted goodies just flew off the tables. We received a total of



108 pies and every one of them sold. Our tables were sagging there was so much food. LOL. Thank you to all the bakers for your time and effort. It was amazing.

Sharon Bordeaux and I cannot express our thanks enough to show how much we appreciate the Master Gardener enthusiasm and giving spirit. We are truly blessed to have members with such big hearts!

During the course of the sale, it came to our attention that Jean Wall was going to be going to California to help with the victims of the devastating fires the day after the sale. She was taking a large amount of donations with her, so we decided to donate the leftover desserts for her to take with her.

The generous spirit of Roseburg came through again with all the donations we received for UCAN. The food not only filled the barrel but overflowed into multiple boxes.

Thanks again to everyone who helped and donated. We could not have done it without you!



Photos by
Bonnie Courter
Kish Doyle
and
Fred Alley



Fall is a Great Time to Plant Trees

Steve Renquist

In August during a particularly hot week this past summer, I remember stopping for a short work break in the shade of a large Red maple in my backyard. The temperature in the sun was about 95 degrees, in the shade of the maple the temperature felt at least 10-15 degrees cooler.

Because deciduous shade trees were planted to the south and west sides of my home, the roof and patio in summer are in the shade from 2pm to sunset. We have a comfortable patio to relax on during hot days and the house stays so cool that air conditioning is rarely needed. The value of our trees is not just aesthetic - they have lowered our potential electric bill by at least twenty-five dollars a month for 3-4 months a year during the past eighteen years.

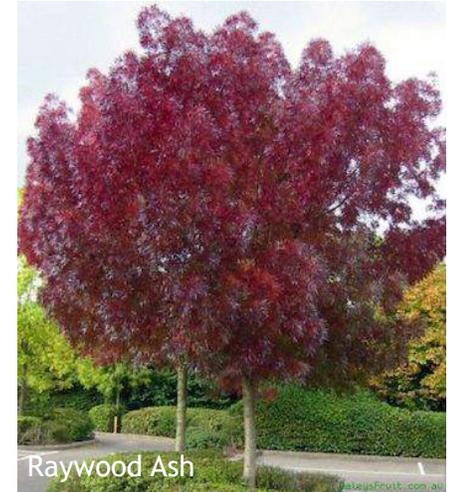
Because the large shade trees in our yard are deciduous, our home gets the added benefit of enjoying more direct sunlight during winter. Well-placed trees in our landscape are also welcome when shading cars on our driveway. The trees are also a wonderful habitat for wildlife and do great things for our air quality.

If your landscape seems like it needs a few more trees, this is a great time of the year to buy potted or balled and burlap trees for planting. When looking for a shade tree, consider drought-



tolerant species that include both native trees and non-native species. White oak, Black oak, and Big Leaf maple are all drought-hardy natives that will reach 45-50 feet tall over time. Some non-native drought-hardy deciduous trees that do well in our area are Hedge maple, Hornbeam, Catalpa, Raywood Ash, Ginkgo, Chinese Pistache, Red Oak, and Silver Linden. Most of these species reach 35-45 feet tall within 15 years. These non-natives are good selections that do not reseed themselves into the wild, crowding out native species that support our local wildlife.

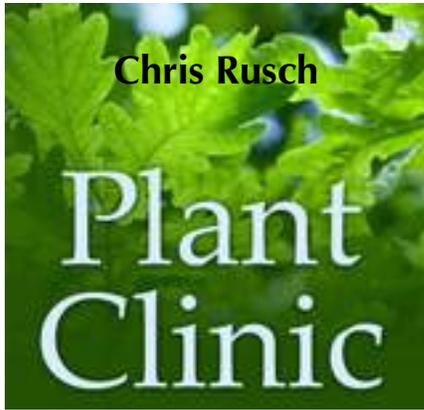
When planting potted or balled and burlap trees in the fall it is important to follow a few basic guidelines. When deciding on a location, remember to look up for power lines, and set back at least twenty feet from driveways or sidewalks to minimize lifting of the cement. Be at least 50 feet away from your house to minimize root damage to your foundation and potential limb drop damage to your home. And when placing the root ball in the ground leave the top of the ball slightly above ground level. That will ensure you do not plant the tree too deeply. Potted trees should be planted at about the



same level as they came in the pot. November or early December will be a good time to plant with such a dry fall. You can still dig in the ground without compacting your soil, and the fall temperature forecast looks like it will continue to be mild.

If you want to wait until January to buy a new tree, look for bare-root trees - they will often be about half the cost of the potted or balled and burlap trees.





The Plant Clinic was surprisingly busy in November even with our shortened schedule and fall weather. We had a total of 39 visitors in November. This is twice that of last year. So far for 2018, we have had 900 visitors to the

Plant Clinic. This is nearly 100 more than last year. Many insect, plant identification and garden questions continue to come in. Our trainees are always so enjoyable to get to know, and it is fun to introduce them to our Plant Clinic and Extension activities. Most of our trainees have completed their 36 hour requirement and are now beginning to step into veteran roles.

We are lucky to have had a great training team in 2018 with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Larry Sutton, Karolyn Riecks and Chris Rusch. A BIG thank you to all of you who regularly work at the Plant Clinic!

Speaking of our talented training team, we are in need of a new volunteer to take Larry Sutton's place on Thursdays. Larry has his traveling shoes on, so we are looking for someone to step up and take on this challenging and important position on our Plant Clinic training team. Call me or send an email if you are interested. crusch@hughes.net or 541-825-3827.

Thank you, Larry, for your dedicated service to our training team!!

We will begin our winter hours this month. The clinic will only be open on Mondays for the months of December and January.

We still need veterans to help in the Plant Clinic both in continuing to help our new volunteers and keeping up with the work load of assisting our visitors to the Plant Clinic. However, for December and January we don't have many openings, so hurry to sign-up! I realize we all have very busy lives, but I encourage each of you to take time, look at your calendar and pick just one afternoon each month and give the office a call and sign

up. The Plant Clinic is where we give service as part of our Master Gardener obligation to our community. Please try to volunteer your expertise at least once a month to help out in this important outreach program. The Plant Clinic is a great way to promote our Master Gardener Program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County. And besides, it's a fun way to get to know fellow MG's as well as a chance to learn new things!

Some Garden hints for December:

- Dig and divide rhubarb
- Spread some wood ashes evenly on your garden plot
- Turn the compost
- Spray your peach trees with lime sulfur for peach leaf curl
- Rake leaves, cut and remove withered stalks of perennial flowers, mulch flower beds, pull weeds
- Monitor houseplants for adequate watering, fertilizer, and humidity. Water and fertilizer requirements are generally less in the winter.
- Check stored flower bulbs, stored fruit, and vegetables like winter squash and potatoes for rot and fungus.
- Consider garden-related Christmas gifts for the gardeners you know.

Merry Christmas everyone!!



Shared by Barbara Robinson

Donation Programs

Nancy Fuller

We have enrolled the DCMG program in both Amazon Smiles and the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. Thank you to Toni Rudolph for her work in getting these accounts set up.

Both these programs will allow our members to make financial donations to our chapter when shopping with either of these merchants. The amounts donated are not large, but every penny spent will earn our chapter some money. Both programs deposit the reward earnings directly into our bank account so we'll be able to track how much is earned by our members shopping with these merchants. Please consider signing up for these programs. The instructions follow.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program:

Visit <https://www.fredmeyer.com>. Once logged into your Fred Meyer account, you can search for Douglas County Master Gardener Association either by name or IR390 and then click "Enroll". New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

*Customers must have a registered Fred Meyer rewards card account to link to your organization.

*If a member does not yet have a Fred Meyer rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Fred Meyer.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our organization until after you register your rewards card.

Participants must swipe their registered Fred Meyer rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Fred Meyer rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Amazon Smiles program:

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to the charities selected by customers. You can generate donations for our DCMG organization when you enroll. To enroll into the Smile program, use the unique charity address below.

Enter it into your browser and you'll be taken to smile.amazon.com and are automatically asked if you want to support Master Gardener Association.

Our unique charity address: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/30-0064559>

Once you are enrolled, look for the "smile eligible" words on products you wish to buy.

Treasurer's Report

Toni Rudolph

INCOME 10/25/18 - 11/28/18

Interest	\$8.62
Soil Testing	\$80.00
Bake Sale	<u>\$1,799.24</u>

TOTAL INCOME

\$1,887.86

EXPENSES 10/25/18 - 11/28/18

Bike Rack	\$295.00
Administration	\$34.18
Discovery Garden	\$2,101.09
HLC Expense	\$563.16
Plant Sale	\$1,405.03
Bake Sale	\$15.75
Tee Shirts	\$71.00
Utilities	\$195.74
HLC - electric pole	<u>\$2,529.48</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$7,210.43

Breakdown of our accounts at 11/28/18

NWCC - Checking	\$2,789.64
NWCC - Member Account	\$1,100.79
NWCC - Savings	<u>\$29,639.69</u>

Ending Balance 11/28/18

\$33,530.12



Oregon State University
Master Gardener™
2019 Winter Training Program

Douglas County- Roseburg Tuesday 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM

January 8	AM	Botany I	John Punches
	PM	Climate and Weather of Douglas County	Steve Renquist
January 15	AM	Veg Propagation*/Plant ID Discovery Garden Orientation	Team/Chris Rusch
	PM	Botany II	John Punches
January 22	AM	Pruning Trees, Shrubs, Vines	Steve Renquist
	PM	Veg Propagation*/ Plant ID Discovery Garden orientation	Team/Chris Rusch
January 29	AM	Concurrent Sessions	Master Gardeners
	PM	Tree Fruit/Greenhouse Seeding*	Steve Renquist/MG's
February 5	AM	Compost/Biochar	Joe Yetter/Scott McKain
	PM	Tree Fruit/Greenhouse Seeding*	Steve Renquist/ MG's
February 12	AM	Pesticide Safety	Steve Renquist
	PM	Weed ID and Control	Shelby Filley
February 19	AM	Plant Disease	Steve Renquist
	PM	Vegetable Gardening	Marjorie Neal
February 26	AM	Care of Urban Trees/Seed Saving	Tal Blankenship
	PM	Soils/Fertilizer	Sara Runkel
March 5	AM	Berry Crops	Steve Renquist
	PM	Insects	Rich Little
March 12	AM	Vert. Pests/Xeriscaping	Leo Grass/ Geoff Puryear
	PM	IPM	Steve Renquist
March 19	AM	Discovery Garden Final*	Master Gardener Team
	PM	Final Exam Review	Steve Renquist

Locations: Douglas County Extension Office-Roseburg, 1134 S.E. Douglas Ave.

*Class at the Discovery Garden (near River Forks Park) 238 River Forks Park Rd

Winter Training Potluck & Snacks

Barbara Hamby

Hello Everyone!

The Master Gardener Winter Training Class begins Tuesday, January 8, 2019, and that means it's Potluck Time! All Master Gardeners are invited to this annual event as we welcome our new trainees on their first day of class. We hope to see you there!

POTLUCK:

* Please bring your favorite appetizer, soup or stew, salad, side dish or dessert to share with our group. Fried chicken will be provided by us.

* Please attach a note to your dish listing its ingredients. Those with food allergies/sensitivities/special diets thank you.

* To better accommodate our large group, the potluck will be in the auditorium. All food, hot or cold, needs to be brought to the foyer by 11:30 a.m. Crock pots that need to be plugged in should be taken to the kitchen. We will bring them upstairs when it's lunch time. (We have limited electrical outlets and no refrigerator space.)

*If you're having your dish delivered, please have it dropped off at the upstairs side door. Someone will be there to accept the food.

* Please label your dishes and serving utensils so it all gets returned to you.

SNACKS:

Snacks on January 8 will be provided by the following mentors and their students. Please remember to tell your students to bring snacks when it's your table's turn.

Table 4: Debby Finley

Table 5: Doralee Hayden

Table 9: Gloria McCrea

Table 12: Lynn Foster

Table 13: Lenore Drake

Trash to Treasure Sale

Ann Severson



Saturday, March 9

9:00-3:00

(Setup, March 7,
Donations, March 8)

As a reminder, start saving your good, clean donations as well as paper and plastic bags.

We will not be taking holiday decorations, clothes, shoes, baby furniture, plants, mattresses, old computers or TV's. Nothing broken or dirty, please.

Any questions, please call or text Ann Severson at 541-817-4983

Advanced Diagnostics Class

Bonnie Courter



On Halloween day, about 12 eager MG's descended on the beautiful home of Bruce and Diane Lewsadder. No, we weren't there to "TP" the house or cause any mischief, but

instead we came to

learn more about diagnosing plant problems.

After stuffing ourselves with Diane's delicious homemade pumpkin muffins along with some crisp apple slices with dip, topped off with spicy hot apple cider, Steve gave a talk on controlling poison oak (a particular nemesis of Diane's) and the most effective herbicides to use. Then



Diane and Bruce led us around their landscape to discuss pruning needs of their various ornamental and fruiting trees, followed by a stroll through



their fenced, raised bed gardens.

A good time was had by all and hopefully Bruce and Diane benefited from Steve's expertise and advice. Thank you so much for inviting us!

Photos: Bonnie Courter, Fred Alley

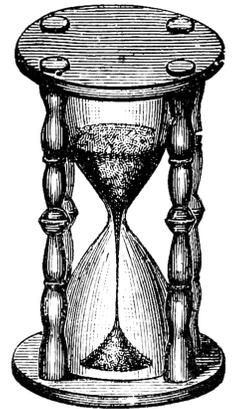


Time, Time, Time

Time sheets for 2018 are due by **January 15.**

Any 2018 hours received after that date will not be processed.

Thank you for making the most of the "time" and turning in your hours promptly.



- Vicki McAlister -

Fred's Fav's



January Newsletter Reminder

Bonnie Courter, Editor

Just a reminder that I need your articles introducing yourself and your MG job description to the new class for the January Newsletter along with a photo of yourself by **Saturday, December 15**.

If you want to use the same as last year's, please let me know.

Check out last January's issue at: <http://douglascountymg.org/docs/newsletter/dcmg201801.pdf>. Also if you have a good photo of yourself, send that to me to include. Thanks for your timely submissions.

Bonnie: rbcourter@gmail.com

OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER MEETING November 29, 2018

Call-To-Order: President Nancy Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:15 in the Extension Office Auditorium. 40 Master Gardeners were present.

Agenda: Approved as posted on the DCMG website.

Minutes: The October Chapter Meeting minutes as well as the November Executive Board minutes were approved as posted online.

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist: Steve encouraged Master Gardeners to get more involved in Community Outreach, especially considering he will be retiring next year and thus our need to promote ourselves more with the public. He has a list of community outreach topics which needs updating along with ready-made presentations available in his office. Steve proceeded to go down his list, asking MG's present to volunteer to sign up for various topics as well as give ideas of new topics to present.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership - Kay Livermore: Membership is the same at 248. 2019 Membership Dues packets were

distributed at the meeting to be filled out by members. The rest will be mailed out this week. Dues along with paperwork required now by OSU **MUST** be filled out and returned to Mary Hoffmann or mailed back by **JANUARY 1** in order to be listed on the MG roster. No exceptions!

OMGA Representative - Rosemary Brinkley: Nancy Fuller reported for Rosemary.

- The quarterly meeting was held at the Portland Food Bank
- The name "Mini-College" was reinstated over "Growing Gardeners" label. Next year's Mini-College will be held October 18-19 at The River House in Bend.
- Chris Rusch is now President Elect for OMGA and Patrice Sipos is Treasurer

Treasurer - Toni Rudolph:

- Copies of the financials are available.
- Toni emphasized not to turn in membership dues to her. They must be turned in to Kay Livermore or Mary Hoffmann along with the required paperwork. Do not put dues in the cash drawer in the Plant Clinic.
- Reimbursement invoices are due to Toni by **December 15**.

Vice-President - Vicki Barrett

- There will be no Continuing Education or Chapter Meeting in December
- Bruce Gravens will give a talk at the January meeting on seeding tomatoes and peppers
- Vicki encouraged MG's to reach out to new students to attend the Continuing Education sessions.
- She also asked for topic ideas for Mike Winters from Wintergreen Nursery to present during his talk scheduled later on.

Past-President - Chris Rusch: Chris wanted to thank everyone for encouraging her to run for the OMGA Executive Board President. She's excited to finally see some changes at the State level as most of the incoming board are all new.

President - Nancy Fuller: There will be no Executive Board or Chapter Meeting in December. The new class

begins January 8 and the next Board meeting will be January 9.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards - Betty Ison:

- Robin Hendry and Ron Owan have completed their 60 hours. Only 16 from the 2018 class have completed their hours. Mentors are encouraged to contact their students to finish their required hours.
- Due date to turn in your 2018 hours is **January 15**. Please do not turn in your hours to Vicki McAlister by email - turn them in to the Plant Clinic or Greenhouse, or mail them to Vicki.



Bake Sale - Janet Parkerson: Janet was thrilled to announce we made \$1799.24 on last week's Bake Sale. She thanked all the many

volunteers who helped bake, wrap, and sell. 309 pounds of food were also donated to UCAN, and distributing flyers to shoppers as they went into Sherm's really helped. All the leftovers went with Jean Wall to the displaced citizens of California wildfires.



Community Outreach -

Jude Stensland: Leo and Jude gave a talk to the Sutherlin Garden Club on pest management.

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:

- The toilet is to be fixed hopefully in December.

- The Festival of Lights is going on. Motion lights are working on the barn, helping to light the parking area.
- The Discovery Garden has been essentially put to bed now.

Eastside Greenhouse - Bruce Gravens:

- Eastside greenhouse has been put to bed as well as the river pump.
- A new rain shelter has been built for storing sedums. If this one holds up over the winter, we might install another one between the greenhouses.
- We will be printing labels soon and will start up again in January with regular work days.

Westside Greenhouse: Betty Ison reported that they will be ordering seeds next week.

Hallmark - Linda Thames: Cards sent to:

- Gloria Amorde for back surgery
- Debby Finley for nose surgery
- Peggy Gilbertson who got married

Newsletter/Winter Program - Bonnie Courter:

Newsletter articles are due Saturday, December 1. Also Newsletter articles for the January 2019 edition along with photos of Board members and committee chairs are due **December 15**. If you would like Kish or me to take your photos, we can do so after the meeting.

Our second Mentor Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 5, at 10:00. Mentor/student assignments will be available then and we will fine-tune mentor responsibilities and expectations. Vicki McAlister will also give a presentation on filling out time sheets.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch:

- Still need a volunteer to be a Thursday clinic trainer. Training begins in February for the new class. You may also share the responsibility with another MG. Please contact Chris.
- The totals for Plant Clinic this year so far are 896, 100 over our 2017 totals. The main topics were insect and plant identification and general gardening questions.

Publicity - Diana Circle: Diana wrote an article for the News-Review on our Victory Garden which was

published. She also sent in 5 notices for the Bake Sale and Kudos to Sherm's. She is now writing an article on Chris and Patrice being elected to the OMGA Board. Diana's goal is to send in monthly articles to the News-Review about our programs.

Trash to Treasure: Nancy reported that Trash to Treasure will be March 9, with setup March 7 and receiving donations March 8. The time for the sale will be shortened - 9:00-3:00. Ann Severson has a list of donations they do not want such as holiday decor, food, plants, mattresses, clothing, broken furniture or appliances, or TV's. For a complete list of "no-no's", contact Ann.

Victory Garden - Ruth Stafford: The Victory Garden is closed for the season.

OLD BUSINESS

Amazon Smile, Fred Meyer Donation Program - Nancy Fuller: Thanks to Toni Rudolph, we are now signed up for both the Amazon Smiles and Fred Meyer donation programs. For Amazon Smiles, there will be a link on the website to donate to DCMG when you make a purchase. Instructions for both programs will be posted in the Newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was a motion to approve the 2019 Budget by Betty Ison. It was seconded by Julie Stanbery, and voted on unanimously.
- The cost of the pump power pole in the park was more than the \$2000 allotted. There is a balance of \$529.48 needed. Kish Doyle made a motion to allow for the \$529.48 extra to be paid. Betty Ison seconded, and it was unanimously approved.
- **Policy changes:**
 - A. There will be a change to the Membership Policy to reflect the OSU requirements that signed forms along with dues money be turned in each year by January 1st. If dues are paid without the required

signed forms, the dues money will be returned and that person will no longer be a Master Gardener. Some MG's paid dues money for 2018 without turning in the paperwork, so Kay will contact those 22 members who didn't comply and mail them packets since they were dropped from the rolls already. Also, Kay emphasized that **mentors and alternates for the winter class must pay their dues along with the paperwork before class starts, or they will not be allowed to mentor.**

B. DG Pavilion Use:

1. The Pavilion is for MG events only. A MG must be in attendance at the scheduled event. Group size for non-education events is limited to 25.
2. No BBQ or grilling on site.
3. Only use Pavilion outlets. Stringing electrical cords across the road is prohibited.



Collage by Fred Alley

SHOW AND TELL

Julie Stanbery presented a label maker that had been donated years ago by a garden club. She would like to sell it for \$50, the money going back to the Discovery Garden. It comes with 5, 1" wide ribbons. She is also collecting aluminum cap tops for a friend for a worthy cause.

Chris Rusch reminded everyone to check the Lost and Found in the Plant Clinic. If items are not picked up soon, they will be donated.

Diane Smith-Lewsadder is looking for help in constructing a wooden arch to go over an 8' table for the Douglas Co. Fair Master Gardener booth next year. It would have the DCMG emblem on it along with other garden illustrations which she will paint. Please contact Diane if you could help.

Meeting Adjournment: President Nancy Fuller adjourned the meeting at 11:23 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Courter, for Sharon Bordeaux, Secretary

A Little History of the Pointsettia

The Aztecs called poinsettias "Cuetlaxochitl." During the 14th - 16th century the sap was used to control fevers and the bracts (modified leaves) were used to make a reddish dye.

Montezuma, the last of the Aztec kings, would have poinsettias brought into what now is Mexico City by caravans because poinsettias could not be grown in the high altitude.

In the 17th century, Juan Balme, a botanist, noted the poinsettia plant in his writings.



The botanical name, *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, was assigned to the poinsettia by the German botanist, Wilenow. The plant grew through a crack in his greenhouse. Dazzled by its color, he gave it the botanical name, *Euphorbia pulcherrima* meaning "very beautiful."

Joel Roberts Poinsett was the first United States Ambassador to Mexico being appointed by President John Quincy Adams in the 1820's. At the time of his appointment, Mexico was involved in a civil war. Because of his interest in botany he introduced the American elm into Mexico. During his stay in Mexico he wandered the countryside looking for new plant species. In 1828 he found a beautiful shrub with large red flowers growing next to a road. He took cuttings from the plant and brought them back to his greenhouse in South Carolina. Even though Poinsett had an outstanding career as a United States Congressman and as an ambassador he will always be remembered for introducing the poinsettia into the United States.

William Prescott, a historian and horticulturist, was asked to give *Euphorbia pulcherrima* a new name as it became more popular. At that time Mr. Prescott had just published a book called the 'Conquest of Mexico' in which he detailed Joel Poinsett's discovery of the plant. Prescott named the plant the poinsettia in honor of Joel Poinsett's discovery.

A nurseryman from Pennsylvania, John Bartram is credited as being the first person to sell poinsettias under its botanical name, *Euphorbia pulcherrima*.

In the early 1900's the Ecke family of southern California grew poinsettias outdoors for use as landscape plants and as a cut flower. Eventually the family grew poinsettias in greenhouses and today is recognized as the leading producer of poinsettias in the United States.

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